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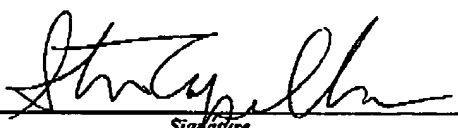
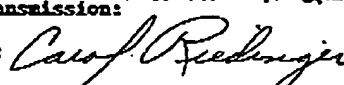
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The following amendment is submitted in response to the final office action dated September 22, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.